

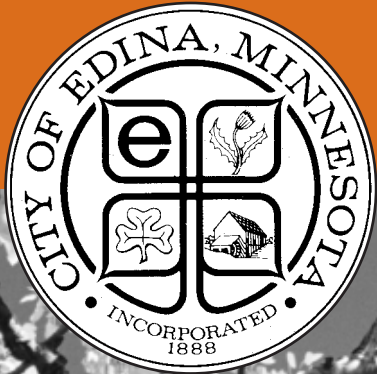
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The Edina Fire Department and Edina Senior Center will begin  
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A Vial of Life is an item that might help paramedics and other  
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Thanks to donations from the Edina Community Foundation  
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Senior Center, 5280 Grandview Square.

For more information on the Vial of Life program, call the  
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OCTOBER 2002

About Town Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 7 p.m., Edina City Council and HRA, Edina City Hall.  7 p.m., River City Jazz Orchestra, Edinborough Park.	2	3 By appointment beginning at 8:30 a.m., Podiatrist appointments, Edina Senior Center.	4 1:15-3 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic, Edina Senior Center.	5
6 7 p.m., St. Louis Park Community Band, Edinborough Park.	7 Absentee ballots available at City Hall.	8 1:15-3 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic, Edina Senior Center. 7 p.m., Music School Performance, Edinborough Park. 7 p.m., Park Board, Edina City Hall.	9	10	11 6-8 p.m., Friday Night Live, Edina Art Center.	12
13 1-4 p.m., Fire Department Open House, Fire Station No. 1.  7 p.m., Zuhrah Shrine Flames, Edinborough Park.	14	15 5-8 p.m., Skating class registration, Braemar Arena. 7 p.m., Edina City Council and HRA, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Amy & Adams, Edinborough Park.	16 7 a.m., Recycling and Solid Waste Commission, Edina City Hall. 8 a.m., Senior Advisory Council, Edina Senior Center.	17 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	18	19
20 7 p.m., Star of the North Concert Band, Edinborough Park.	21	22 7 p.m., Human Relations Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Richfield Legion Band, Edinborough Park.	23	24 1-3 p.m., Senior Dance, Edinborough Park.	25	26
27 7 p.m., First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Edinborough Park.	28	29 7 p.m., Wayne Hamilton, Edinborough Park.	30 7:30 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall.	31 Noon, The Funky Pumpkin Show with Annette Fragale, Edinborough Park.		

NOVEMBER 2002

About Town Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Braemar Golf Dome opens for the season.	2 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Edina City Hall open for absentee voting.
3 7 p.m., Zuhrah Concert Band, Edinborough Park.	4 Arts and Crafts Sale opens at the Edina Art Center.	5 Election Day. Polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.	6 By appointment, Hearing Tests, Edina Senior Center.	7 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.  7 p.m., Don Carlson Magic Show, Edinborough Park.	8	9
10 7 p.m., Southside Big Band, Edinborough Park.	11 Veteran's Day observed. Most City offices closed.	12 7 p.m., Park Board, Braemar Golf Course. 7 p.m., Moonlight Serenaders, Edinborough Park. 7 p.m., Community Health Committee, Edina City Hall.	13	14	15 By appointment beginning at 8:30 a.m., Podiatrist appointments, Edina Senior Center. Music for Children, Edina Art Center.	16
17 7 p.m., Music Staff, Edinborough Park.	18	19 7 p.m., Edina HRA and City Council, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Hopkins Westwind Concert Band, Edinborough Park.	20 7 a.m., Recycling and Solid Waste Commission, Edina City Hall. 8 a.m., Senior Advisory Council, Edina Senior Center.	21 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	22	23
24 7 p.m., First John Philip Sousa Memorial Band, Edinborough Park.	25	26 7 p.m., Human Relations Commission, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., Heritage Preservation Board, Edina City Hall. 7 p.m., North Country Cloggers, Edinborough Park.	27 7:30 p.m., Planning Commission, Edina City Hall.	28 Thanksgiving Day. Most City offices closed.	29 Most City offices closed.	30



# DECEMBER 2002

## About Town Calendar

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>1</b> 7 p.m., Brio Brass, Edinborough Park.	<b>2</b> 7 p.m., Bloomington Medalist Band, Edinborough Park.	<b>3</b> 7 p.m., Edina HRA and City Council, Edina City Hall.  7 p.m., River City Jazz Orchestra, Edinborough Park.	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Holiday gift-making workshop, Edina Art Center.
<b>8</b> 7 p.m., Minneapolis Police Band, Edinborough Park.	<b>9</b> 7 p.m., Amy & Adams, Edinborough Park.	<b>10</b> 1:15-3 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic, Edina Senior Center. 7 p.m., Park Board, Edina Art Center.	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Holiday gift-making workshop, Edina Art Center.
<b>15</b> 7 p.m., Northern Winds Concert Band, Edinborough Park.	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7 p.m., Edina HRA and City Council, Edina City Hall. 7 pm., Community Health Committee, Edina City Hall.	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 5:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, Edina City Hall.	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 7 p.m., St. Louis Park Community Band, Edinborough Park.	<b>23</b> Arts and Crafts Sale ends at the Edina Art Center.	<b>24</b> <b>Christmas Eve. Most City offices close at noon.</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Christmas. Most City offices closed.</b>	<b>26</b> 8 a.m., Senior Advisory Council, Edina Senior Center.	<b>27</b> By appointment beginning at 8:30 a.m., Podiatrist appointments, Edina Senior Center.	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>New Year's Eve. Most City offices close at noon.</b>				

## Autumn Calendar Highlights

### OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Oct. 16** 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m., Asian Calligraphy, Edina Art Center.
- Nov. 7** 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Senior Safety Seminar, “Drugs, Bugs and Thugs,” Edina Senior Center.
- Nov. 12** 1:15-3 p.m., Blood Pressure Clinic, Edina Senior Center.
- Dec. 17** Noon, Children’s Music With Bruce Bell, Edinborough Park.
- Dec. 17** 7 p.m., Good News Big Band, Edinborough Park.

### INDOOR SKATING LESSONS

- What:** Braemar Arena offers ice skating lessons throughout the year. Registration for the winter session of lessons is held in October.
- When:** 5 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15.
- Where:** Braemar Arena, 7501 Ikola Way. Phone-in registrations will not be accepted.
- Info:** 952-941-1322 or www.Braemar-Arena.com.

### TASTE OF EDINA: FOOD, WINE AND BUSINESS EXPO

- What:** The Edina Chamber of Commerce will hold Taste of Edina, a food, wine and business exposition to highlight area businesses. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$15 at the door.
- When:** 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 24
- Where:** Southdale Center’s The District on France
- Info:** Edina Chamber of Commerce, 952-806-9060.

### PUMPKIN FESTIVAL

- What:** The 50th & France Business and Professional Association hosts Pumpkin Festival, a fall event for children. Activities will include a pumpkin-carving contest, costume contest and parade, horse-drawn trolley rides and trick-or-treating.
- When:** 9:30 a.m.-noon, Saturday, Oct. 26.
- Where:** Downtown Edina, 50th Street and France Avenue.
- Info:** 50th & France Business and Professional Association, 952-922-1524.

### BRAEMAR GOLF DOME

- What:** You don’t have to put your clubs away when the area’s golf courses close for the season. The Braemar Golf Dome opens Nov. 1 and is one of the largest and longest hitting in the Twin Cities area with 46 tee areas and two levels. Golfers can golf by the bucket or by time.
- When:** Golf-by-the-bucket, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday. Golf-by-time, 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. Moonlight golf, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday.
- Where:** Braemar Golf Dome, 7420 Braemar Blvd.
- Info:** 952-826-6744 or www.BraemarGolfDome.com

## A Word From The Mayor



In early 2001, a single mother of two came to a meeting of the Edina City Council, pleading with the City to save her home. At the time, she said the prospect of relocating would be “devastating” for her family.

The woman spent nine years on waiting lists for the U.S. Housing and Urban Development’s (HUD) Section 8 program before moving into one of Oak Glen Townhouses’ 28 subsidized units. After settling in, she received notification from the building’s owner that he intended to discontinue participation in the federal program. She said she would not be able to continue living there if the rent was raised.

Several other members of the Oak Glen Townhome Association echoed the woman’s comments, adding that it is sometimes difficult to find affordable housing units in the area. The provision of affordable housing is particularly complex in Edina. The City is now virtually 100 percent developed and sites for new housing opportunities are almost non-existent. In addition, extraordinarily high land costs drive development costs skyward making lower cost housing impractical without huge public subsidies.

Those comments resonated with the Council and City staff. Residential neighborhoods are a defining characteristic of Edina. Many neighborhoods in the community have a unique character defined by architectural housing styles and a mix of housing types, including affordable housing.

The first objective of the City’s long-range plan, “Edina’s Vision 20/20,” is to maintain strong residential neighborhoods. To meet that goal, the City Council and City staff work to maintain and improve the condition of the

City’s housing stock through housing maintenance and rehabilitation programs and encourages affordable, life-cycle housing opportunities where possible.

We are particularly proud of how we used those strategies to keep affordable housing at Oak Glen Townhouses. For about a year, the owner and City staff worked to negotiate an extension of the HUD Section 8 contract.

As part of a 10-year extension agreement reached with the owner a few months ago, he will invest approximately \$1 million for repair, maintenance and improvements of the property. The East Edina Housing Foundation will provide the owner with a low-interest loan to make the project viable.

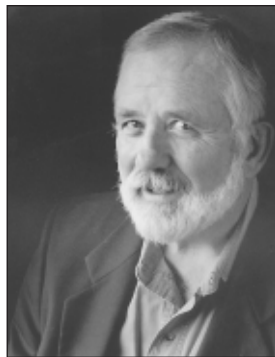
The City is committed to the Livable Communities Act, legislation designed to encourage cities to provide more affordable housing. In addition to the work of the East Edina Housing Foundation, the City encourages affordable housing through other programs such as the Metropolitan Council’s Family Affordable Housing Program, a new program meant to increase the number of affordable housing units in suburban Hennepin, Ramsey and Anoka counties.

We are proud to achieve goals set as part of Edina’s Vision 20/20. We are proudest, though, of keeping our residents in their homes and providing opportunities for others to live in this wonderful community.

*Dennis F. Maetzold*

Dennis F. Maetzold  
Mayor

# Cahill Irish Pioneers Were Prominent In Edina Life For More Than 100 Years



**By Joe Sullivan, Freelance Writer and Edina resident**

*Editor's Note: Following is Part Two of a two-part series about the Irish immigrants who were among Edina's first settlers in the 1850s. In Part One, we traced the lives of the Duggans, Darcys and Delaneys – three of the 26 Irish immigrant families who founded the Cahill Community that became today's*

*southwest Edina. In this installment, we will examine three more of those families – the Ryans, Gleasons and McCauleys – who also settled in the Cahill Community in the 1850s and became pillars of the rural community that persisted through most of our City's first century.*

## Monument To Cahill Community's Irish Settlers

In September 1993 a monument was erected at the "T" intersection of West 70th Street and Cahill Road to commemorate four early structures that were once located at the crossroads and the focal point of the Cahill Community: St. Patrick's Catholic Church, the one-room Cahill School, Calvary Lutheran Church and the Cahill Store.

A bronze plaque on the monument also makes note of the contributions made to our City by the earliest settlers of southwest Edina — pioneer Irish farmers like John Burke, Michael Delaney, John Duggan, William Fogarty, John Kyte and William Marriott.

## The Ryans Arrived In 1857

In 1847, Patrick William Ryan, head of one of the founding families of what would become Edina, immigrated to this country from his birthplace in County Tipperary, Ireland.

In 1857, he purchased a 160-acre tract on today's Valley View Road. There he began building a farmhouse, the foundation of which was in use for more than 100 years. (In 1922, the farmhouse was razed and a second home that still stands in Edina's Chapel Hills neighborhood was built on the original foundation by Patrick's son Thomas.)

Later, Patrick met and married Catherine Duggan, a member of another original Cahill family. A second generation of Irish-American Ryans eventually married into other neighboring Cahill families including the Delaneys, Mooneys, Kellys, McNellis, Dominicks and Guimonts.

Patrick Ryan died on the family farm in 1906 at the age of 76. His wife, Catherine, continued to live in the Ryan farmhouse with her son Thomas until she died in April 1927.



*Catherine (Duggan) Ryan, Edina pioneer Patrick Ryan's wife, was flanked by her sons Thomas (left) and James.*

For all of his 99 years, Tom Ryan lived on that plot of land on Valley View Road. He took great pride in the fact that when he went down to his basement, he was standing in the original cellar of the house his father built in 1857. Tom, a bachelor and the last living child of Patrick and Catherine Ryan, farmed the family's land until World War II.

Tom had boyhood memories of traveling into downtown Minneapolis by horse and wagon. "The streets were paved as far out on Hennepin [Avenue] as the Basilica," he recalled. From there, he drove on dirt roads to 36th Street and then, as he said, "Over the hill and through the woods to home."

Tom's niece Catherine (Ryan) Garrison and her husband, Everett, farmed a 10-acre parcel of the original Ryan farm. "We raised hogs and built a house right next to the house that Tom Ryan built," said Everett, who also came from an old Edina family.



*Pictured on a postcard they sent home during their 1909 trip to Seattle are Thomas Ryan (left), son of Cahill pioneers Patrick and Catherine Ryan, and Thomas' cousin John Duggan, Jr.*

In 1955, a 27-acre parcel was purchased from Rose (Ryan) Dowd for the present site of St. Patrick's Church on Valley View Road.

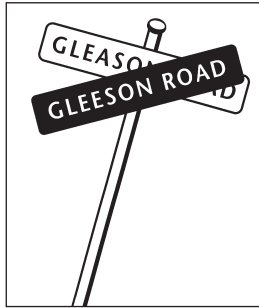
Catherine (Ryan) Garrison died in the late 1990's, just a few years after she and Everett moved to Chisago City, Minn., to be nearer their children and grandchildren.

## Misspelled 'Gleason Road' Should Be 'Gleeson'

Commuters and others who travel the Crosstown Highway on a regular basis are familiar with the signs on both sides of the highway that point to Gleason Road in southwest Edina. What most of them don't know is that Gleason Road was named for the Gleeson family, but should have been spelled with an "ee" in the middle instead of an "ea."

Joe Ryan, former captain of the Minneapolis Park Police and descendant of the pioneer Ryan family, recalled in a 1975 interview, "Gleason Road was named after the Gleeson family, but the street and directional signs spell the name wrong. It should be Gleeson, not Gleason. This should be corrected."

In 1855, Michael and Mary Gleeson, along with their young son Michael, Jr., traveled to Minnesota and claimed 160 acres of farmland in the frontier Cahill



*Gleason Road was named for the Gleeson family, but village officials spelled it with an "ea" instead of "ee."*

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Community. An 1874 plat map of the area shows the Gleeson farm extending south from what is now the Crosstown Highway along both sides of today’s Gleason Road and about halfway to Valley View Road. The farm, which was sold for residential development in the late 1940s, now forms the eastern part of the Indian Hills neighborhood.

**Second Generation Took Over Gleeson Farm**

Michael Gleeson, Jr., met and married the former Elizabeth Brennan in Degraeth, Minn. where she was teaching school. They eventually took over his father’s dairy farm in Edina and Michael, Jr., later became an Edina council member. Edina Village records from 1888 also list him as an election clerk and he served as clerk of the Cahill school district from 1893 to 1913.

In addition to dairy cows, they raised chickens and turkeys and grew grain and hay. The farm also had a large apple orchard. “We used to pick apples on the Gleeson property when I was five or six years old,” recalled John McCauley, a descendant of the McCauley family whose farm was just west of the Gleesons’.

Michael, Jr. and Elizabeth Gleeson had 11 children, but life expectancy was short in those days. Thomas died as an infant. Joseph died of a heart ailment at the age of 19 and Elizabeth died of scarlet fever in 1902 when she was only 8.

**Gleeson Grandchildren Grew Up On Edina Farm**

Three of Michael Gleeson, Jr.’s other children – William, Mary and Ellen – remained unmarried and continued to live on the family farm after their father died in 1913. “We

used to bake bread every day and we all helped in the garden,” Ellen remembered in a 1969 interview. “There was always a lot of washing, ironing and cooking to do.” Her mother continued to reside in Edina until her death in 1958.

Ellen Gleeson also recalled that visitors used to drive up their long driveway to the family farmhouse and tell them that they had “the prettiest spot in Edina.”

Two of Michael Gleeson, Jr.’s other sons worked for the railroads and a second Thomas worked for the Village of Edina. Thomas continued to live on the farm until it was sold and the farmhouse was torn down in 1962. He moved to Hopkins, where he died in 1964 at age 63.

John, another son, worked at the Hennepin County courthouse. Joe Ryan recalled that he and his “lifelong friend John Gleeson played baseball for a Cahill team. John was the pitcher and I was the catcher,” he said.

**Gleeson Kids Attended Old Cahill School**

All of the Gleeson children attended the old Cahill School.

“We walked a mile and a half to the Cahill School,” Ellen Gleeson



*Harvesting hay in Edina was a huge operation at the turn of the 20th century, requiring a big crew and big equipment.*

remembered. “We left shortly after 8 a.m. and didn’t get home from school until after 5 p.m. The boys would stay home when there was planting to be done on the farm.”

Ellen also recalled the trips her father made into Minneapolis to sell his apples and hay. On the way home, he would stop at Mose Darcy’s Cahill Store to buy groceries for the family. They also shopped for groceries at stores in Hopkins.

Ellen had fond memories of parties in the Gleeson house and the homes of friends. “We had school parties every week. Someone would play the piano and we would dance and have a lunch. In the winter we would have sleigh ride parties and skate, ski and toboggan on our farm.”

In 1959, after their mother’s death, Ellen and her sister Mary sold the family home at 6414 Gleason Road and moved to Minneapolis. Mary Gleeson died in 1968 and Ellen lived in their house on Sheridan Avenue South until her death in 1974 at the age of 82. Her passing marked the end of the third generation of a proud family of Irish-Americans, who contributed in many ways to the growth and heritage of our community.

**McCauley Home Is Still On 147-Year-Old Homestead**

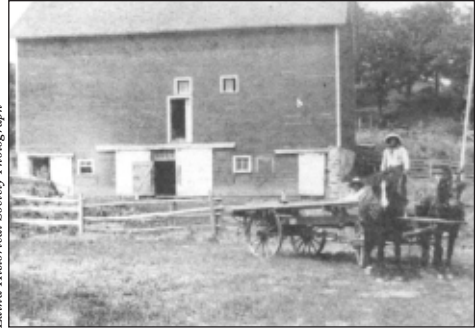
As noted earlier, the McCauley farm abutted the western boundary of the Gleeson farm. Today, John McCauley can stand on the deck of his house on Arrowhead Lake in Indian Hills and look out over parts of the Edina homestead his grandfather Dennis McCauley claimed in 1855.

John is the third generation of the McCauleys to live on that land and he fondly remembers the farm that was once there. As a boy, John spent many summers on his grandfather’s farm – and he still lives there.

“The approach to the farmhouse was along a twisting road and through a large apple orchard to a cluster of farm buildings,” John recalled in a 1993 article by Edina historian E. Dudley Parsons. “There was the large barn, a stable, a machinery shed, a storage shed, a smokehouse and a small structure for the gasoline-driven pump, which supplied water for the farm.”

Dennis McCauley came from Ireland to Boston in 1849. At the urging of his sister, who had earlier married Hugh Darcy and settled in the Cahill community, he ventured out to Minnesota in 1852 and became a fur-trading agent for John Jacob Astor’s American Fur Company. For a number of years, Dennis traded with the Indians for beaver and other furs.

By October 1855, Dennis McCauley had saved enough money to “claim” 160 acres of land along the western edge of what is now Edina. Four years later, he returned to Boston where he married Mary Higgins on May 20, 1860. Two children were



*Edina pioneer Dennis McCauley showed off his barn and two-horse team on the farm he homesteaded in 1855 in today’s Indian Hills area.*

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born to the couple in Boston – Mary in 1861 and Ellen in 1862 – and the next year Dennis and his family returned to his homestead in Minnesota.

**Farmhouse Was At U.S. Highway 169 And Valley View**

According to Parsons’ account, the log cabin Dennis had built four years earlier provided initial shelter, but as the family grew to 10 children, a larger house was needed. The new house was built at the base of a hill in the southwest corner of Dennis’ land, near what is now Valley View Road and U.S. Highway 169.

“He eventually had a 300-acre dairy farm. It stretched all the way from what is now the Crosstown Highway and Highway 169 [intersection] down to Valley View Road on the south, and swung over through what is now Indian Hills to where it adjoined the Gleeson property,” John McCauley recalled ...



*In 1860, Dennis McCauley replaced the log cabin he had built as a bachelor with this larger frame house to make room for his growing family.*

[Today’s] Indian Hills includes a 40-acre plot from the McCauley farm and the entire Gleeson farm. Dennis McCauley died in an 1894 farm accident, nearly 40 years after he homesteaded in Edina. For six years, three of the McCauley

sons – William, Dennis, Jr., and Thomas – managed the family farm. In December 1900, the original farm was divided between Thomas and Dennis, Jr., who continued to occupy the original farmstead. The two sons also divided a second parcel purchased by their father that lay east of the original “claim.” John McCauley said his father, Thomas, always referred to that piece of land as the “back 40.”

John has fond memories of summer visits to the shores of Arrowhead Lake where his father later built a summer cottage. “For years, we came out here in the summertime... in a model ‘T’ Ford and stayed in that cottage. In 1923, the gravel road was paved and became the original Highway 169, which is now Vernon Ave. My Dad *gave them* land just to get the road put in – nowadays they’d *pay him*,” he said.

“All of Arrowhead Lake was on the McCauley property—in fact they used to call it McCauley Lake. All the farmers would come and get ice from the lake,” McCauley said. When I was a kid, my Dad used to go out on the point in the lake and shoot the ducks coming in. We used to swim off that point too, because there was a pretty good drop-off there.



*Thomas McCauley, son of Edina pioneer Dennis McCauley, posed with his new bride Mary (Mulcahy) McCauley on their wedding day in September 1907.*

“While I was attending St. Thomas College I met June Foster, who was still a student at Washburn High School. We were married on May 17, 1941.”

**John And June Move To McCauley Cottage**

“June and I came back to Edina in 1947 when I got out of the army, “ John said. With their young children they moved into the small summer cottage his father had built so many years earlier. “We were the only ones in the area,” John remembers, “and we were surrounded by berry farms.” Later, the cottage was enlarged to accommodate their growing family of five children.



*The rumble seat of a vintage auto was perfect for John and June McCauley, as they represented the pioneer families of Edina in the City’s 1988 Centennial Parade.*

“My mother and dad had sold the ‘back 40’ to a guy named Burton in 1944,” John recalled. “He was the developer who named it Indian Hills, put in the roads and renamed the lake ‘Arrowhead.” After Burton went bankrupt, Thorpe Bros. – the realty company that developed Edina’s Country Club district in the 1920s and 30s – took over and finished the Indian Hills development, which didn’t really start growing until after World War II.

“June and I have lived on this land longer than my grandfather did. And I’m the only one of my family left in Minnesota,” John said. “My brother Tom, Jr. died in 1963 and his wife, Betty, still lives next door to us up on McCauley Terrace.

**City of Edina Symbol Recognizes Irish Settlers**

Take a close look at the Edina symbol that appears on the cover of this magazine – and many other places, including the City’s official flag, its stationery and police officers’ uniforms.

The three-leaf shamrock that appears there is a testament to the contributions made by the Irish families of the Cahill Settlement. For more than 100 years they were deeply involved in the planning, government, schools and development of the vibrant community we live in today.

*Background material and photographs for this article came from the archival collections of the Edina Historical Society; Minnesota Historical Society; the Ryan and McCauley families; the writings of E. Dudley Parsons; the personal recollections of Catherine (Ryan) Garrison and John McCauley; and the following publications: “The History of Edina, Minnesota,” by Paul D. Hesterman; NewsNet, a publication of St. Patrick’s Church of Edina; the Edina/Morningside Courier; the Edina Courier; and the Minneapolis Star.*



# It's Not Only Neighborly ... It's The Law

## Weeds

Weeds can eliminate wildflowers and other native vegetation by crowding them out. To protect Edina's natural vegetation, the City requires property owners to cut or control weeds so that no individual plant – turf grass or weed – exceeds 10 inches in height or length as measured from its base at the ground to the tip of each stalk, stem, blade or leaf. Noxious weeds defined by the State Commissioner of Agriculture must be removed.

*For more information on weed control, contact Park Maintenance Superintendent Vince Cockriel, 952-826-0305, or the City's Weed Inspector, 952-826-0353.*

## Leaves

Keep fallen leaves out of the street to help prevent clogging the storm sewer, which can lead to water runoff, backups and flooding.

In the fall, three street sweepers work eight to 10 hours per day for four to six weeks collecting leaves throughout the City. If residents rake leaves from their yards into the streets, the street sweeper will not be able to keep up.



Residents should compost their leaves or contact their refuse hauler for proper disposal. Licensed haulers in the City are Aspen Waste, 651-644-3488; BFI, 952-941-5174; Vierkant Disposal, 612-922-2505; and Waste Management, 952-882-2300.

## Edina Snow Removal Regulations

We've all seen the cartoons depicting one neighbor shoveling snow out of the driveway, into the driveway of the property owner next door. Aside from this practice disrupting neighborhood peace, it is also illegal. Any snow removed from your walkways, driveways or sidewalks must remain on your property. Do not shovel snow into the street or onto your neighbor's property.

If you have a sidewalk, Edina law states that you must keep it plowed or shoveled for the safety of you and your neighbors.

If a fire hydrant is located on your property, please remember that you need to clear snow away from it. As soon as the snow stops falling, start to clear away the snow so that the hydrant is visible. The few minutes it takes provide access to a fire hydrant might save you and your neighbors precious time in an emergency.

## Edina Snow Parking Regulations

Many Minnesotans have made the mistake of parking their cars or trucks on the street during a snowstorm, only to find later that their vehicles have been "buried" or "plowed in." Seeing a parking ticket on your windshield would only add to the frustration. You can avoid a citation or tow by following these rules.

No vehicle may be parked on a City street, highway or alley under the following conditions:

- When 1.5 inches or more of snow has fallen, until it has been plowed to the curbline.
- For six hours after the snowfall stops, unless traffic signs specifically allow you to do so or if you are engaged in certain job-related activities as described in the City Code.
- From 1 a.m. to 6 a.m. Nov. 1 to March 31.

It is extremely important for residents to keep their vehicles off of the roadways during these times. Edina's Public Works Department has a reputation for providing top-notch snow removing services, but staff members need your help. Cars parked on the street make it difficult for snowplow operators to maneuver and also prevent the street from being thoroughly plowed. By parking in driveways or lots, you will avoid parking tickets and the expense and inconvenience associated with towing.

*For more information, contact Public Works Coordinator Steve Johnson, 952-826-0301.*

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# Hot Happenings In Park And Recreation

## Job Success Fair

Bloomington Human Services will host a Job Success Fair to give adults with disabilities the opportunity to apply for jobs, interview with companies, or just visit with potential employers. The fair will be held 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 9, at the Ramada Inn - Airport at the intersection of Interstate Highway 494 and 24th Avenue. For more information, call Recreation Supervisor Susie Miller, 952-826-0433.



Adult basketball

## Men's Basketball

From five-man basketball to less competitive open-gym play, the Edina Park and Recreation Department offers a program for all men interested in playing the sport. Teams will be divided into leagues and play once a week on Wednesday evenings. Open gym begins Oct. 9, and five-man league play begins Nov. 6. For more information, contact Assistant Park and Recreation Director Ed MacHolda, 952-826-0431.

## Adult Volleyball

The City of Edina Park and Recreation Department is forming its 2002-2003 adult volleyball leagues. The City offers a mixed league.

Matches will be held Wednesday evenings beginning Oct. 9. The leagues end play in early March. This season, there will be two levels of play. One level is for teams that have played together in the past or whose players have honed their skills on the court. The other is for teams that are just beginning to play together or whose players are unsure of their abilities.

At least half of the players on a mixed team must live or work in the City.

Registration ends Oct. 1. For more information, call 952-826-0367.

## Four-Man Hockey

One of the City's most popular recreation programs for adults, four-man hockey is designed for those who love hockey and miss the hassle-free pickup games of their youth. The league plays on local rinks that give the feeling of playing on a pond. Goals are sealed by a goalie tutor that has four target areas for scoring. Games are run by two team captains.

Leagues are divided by age and ability, with 20- to 29-year-old hockey players in the gold division, 30- to 40-year-old former high school or college players in the silver division and older players in the bronze division.

Registration ends the first week in December. For more information, contact Assistant Park and Recreation Director Ed MacHolda, 952-826-0431.

## Ice Skating

The City of Edina's outdoor ice rinks will open for the season in December.

Rinks are at Arden, Centennial Lakes, Cornelia School, Countryside, Creek Valley, Highland, Lewis, Normandale, Pamela, Strachauer, Todd, Walnut Ridge and Weber parks. They will open as soon as weather permits.

Warming house hours at most outdoor rinks will be 4 to 9:30 p.m. school days, 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, 1 to 8 p.m. Sundays and noon to 9:30 p.m. other non-school days. Holiday hours are noon to 4 p.m. Christmas Eve, noon to 4 p.m. New Year's Eve and noon to 9:30 p.m. New Year's Day. The rinks will be closed Christmas Day.

Concessions stand and skate rental hours at Centennial Lakes Park, which features a 10-acre lake, will be 4 to 9:30 p.m. school days, 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Saturdays, 4 to 9:30 p.m. Sundays and noon to 9:30 p.m. other non-school days. Holiday hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Christmas Eve, noon to 9:30 p.m. New Year's Eve and 10 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. New Year's Day. The Centrum will be closed Christmas Day. Skating is free. Skate rental is \$3.

*Applications are currently being accepted for ice rink attendants. Call 952-826-0404 for an employment application or visit [www.ci.edina.mn.us](http://www.ci.edina.mn.us).*



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# VEAP Announces Holiday Programs

Help make the holidays brighter for area families in need this season by making a donation to Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP), which serves the communities of Edina, Bloomington and Richfield.

As part of VEAP's Thanksgiving program, qualifying low-income families will each receive a bag of pre-packed groceries and a supermarket gift certificate to cover the cost of perishable food items and items special to their own Thanksgiving traditions. You can help by donating gift certificates to Cub Foods or Rainbow Foods in \$10 or \$20 denominations or food items such as dessert mixes, muffin mixes, rice, boxed potatoes and the like. Money to cover the cost of certificates or food items is also appreciated.

Volunteers are needed to distribute Thanksgiving food the Monday and Tuesday before Thanksgiving and to deliver meals to homebound seniors and disabled individuals and couples Thanksgiving Day.

Donations for the Thanksgiving program need to be received at the VEAP office by Nov. 18.

VEAP will also distribute bags of pre-packed groceries and supermarket gift certificates for Christmas. Due to the significant increase in usage of the local food shelf, VEAP officials expect a significant increase in individuals requesting help with Thanksgiving and Christmas meals.

In addition to the Christmas meal, VEAP will also organize a "Holiday Store" for qualifying families. Parents will come to the store and select donated gifts for their children. Following are suggested gifts to donate. The most needed items are for children ages 8 to 18.

Riding, crib and tub, developmental, push-pull and electronic toys and pop-up or talking books are suggested for children ages birth to 3. Popular brands include See & Say, Little Tykes, Fisher Price, Playskool and Tyco.

Electronic, remote-controlled, building, cooking or baking and talking toys are suggested for children ages 4 to 7, as are multicultural dolls, Beanie Babies, Magna Doodle and Lite Brite toys, play tents, sleeping bags, children's videotapes, music players and games and puzzles.

Most gifts are needed for children ages 8 to 18. Suggested gift items include cosmetic bags and shaving kits, diaries and journals, stationery, compact disc or cassette players, cameras, telephones, bed sheets and comforters, jewelry boxes, electronic games, calendars and daily planners, bath gel sets and cosmetics, flashlights, tool sets, remote-controlled vehicles, travel carry-on bags, fishing poles and tackle, jerseys, T-shirts, wallets and billfolds, clock radios, watches, desk lamps, videos, sleeping bags, blankets, hockey sticks, ice skates, science kits, tool boxes, skateboards, scooters, books and audio books.

Gift certificates for older children may also be purchased. Suggested retailers are Target, Wal-Mart, GAP, Old Navy, Southdale Center, Bath & Body Works, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Kohl's, Mall of America, Sam Goody, Best Buy and local cinemas. Gift certificates should be purchased in \$15 or \$20 denominations.

New unwrapped gifts must be delivered to the VEAP office, 9731 James Ave. S., Bloomington, by Dec. 16. Through the first part of December, drop boxes will be available at Edina City Hall, 4801 W. 50th St., and Fire Station No. 1, 6250 Tracy Ave.

Volunteers are needed to pre-sort gifts, set up the Holiday Store, help with gift and food distribution on Dec. 18 and 19 and deliver hot meals on Christmas Day. To volunteer, contact the VEAP office after Oct. 21.

*For more information on the food or gift drives or to volunteer, contact the VEAP office, 952-888-9616, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.*



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# Edina Theater Co. To Present First Play In November

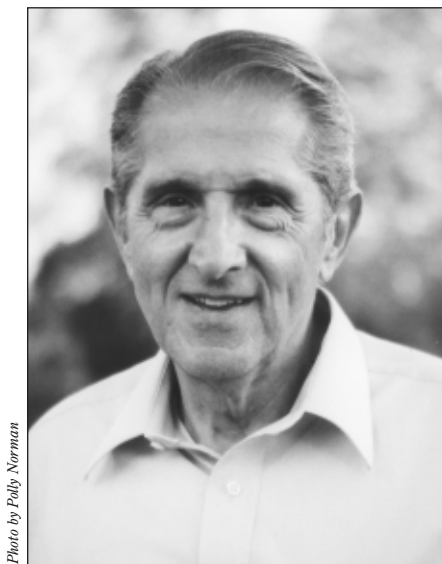


Photo by Polly Norman  
Retired St. Cloud State University theater professor Dick Cermelel recently formed the Edina Theater Co.

After retiring as a theater professor from St. Cloud State University, Dick Cermelel moved to Edina to enjoy his golden years. It wasn't long before he tired of being retired.

"I didn't want to be an old man sitting in a rocking chair," Cermelel said. "I feel the most alive when I'm directing. It is the most wonderful feeling to create an entertaining performance for an audience."

Cermelel directed his first play in 1956. With more than 45 years experience as a director and seeking an end to his boredom, he recently formed a community theater group in Edina. He put up a sign at the new Edina Community Library, inviting interested people to an informational meeting in June.

Amy Youle was one of the dozen or so people who came to the meeting after seeing the sign. "When I saw the sign, I

thought, 'I'm there! Theater is a passion of mine. It would be great to get a community theater group going in Edina."

For the past several months, the group of adults has been meeting regularly at one another's homes, reading plays and making plans for the Edina Theater Co.'s first production. Auditions for "The Voice of the Turtle," a three-person World War II romantic comedy, will be held Sept. 30 and Oct. 1-4, by appointment. The play, which tells the story of Bill, Olive and Sally, will be presented in mid-November.

"We wanted to crawl before we walk," Cermelel said. "We wanted to do something realistic, not impossible, for our first production. 'The Voice of the Turtle' was selected because of the small cast and few scenes needed for a successful production."

Leaders of the Edina Theater Co. plan to produce about six plays per year. The community theater group will focus on American classics to build the group and a regular audience. Plays will include comedies, dramas, mysteries and eventually children's works.

"The civic theater movement was at its height in the 1930s," Cermelel explained. "Everyone in town was part of a community theater group. People spent their lives at the theater – coming together every night to see their friends. It was more than just being in a play, though. It was about being part of an organization. It meant sometimes having a part, sometimes working on costumes, sometimes working behind the stage.

"Now, it's hard to keep families together for activities. It is my hope that maybe in 10 or 20 years, we'll have an old-fashioned community theater with a big reputation."

Youle said she and others have learned much from Cermelel and are anxious to put on their first production. "Dick has given a huge gift to Edina by forming the Edina Theater Co.," she said. "Those of us who are already involved are so appreciative of Dick giving of his time, talents and gifts. After our first production, I'm sure more people will feel the same way.



Photo by Polly Norman  
Members of the Edina Theater Co. read through "The Voice of the Turtle," a World War II romantic comedy that will be presented in mid-November.

"Right now, we are focusing on getting the word out to the community that there is a serious group of people who are starting a theater group in Edina. This is more than just talk. We want to bring people together and provide the type of feeling that a parade gives – a sense of community theater and a sense of pride."

The Edina Theater Co., which has claimed the historic Grange Hall as its "home," is seeking volunteers to be part of the group and funds to offset the costs of productions. The Theater Co. is available to give private readings to local organizations.

"I'm not bored anymore," Cermelel said. "I've always believed that if you have a talent, you should use it. That's what I'm trying to do and what I'm trying to encourage others to do, too."

*For more information on the new Edina Theater Co., to audition or to make a donation, call Cermelel, 952-930-3558, or Youle, 952-926-4661.*



# Edina Art Center Celebrates First 25 Years



By Joe Sullivan

In 1977, a two-story house nestled in the trees near the northwest edge of Edina's Lake Cornelia became the fulfillment of a dream. It was a dream first expressed by Edina residents more than a decade earlier. It was in 1977 that the remodeled house opened for business as the Edina Art Center (EAC).

In September, 25 years later, the Art Center observed the anniversary of that 1977 opening with an open-to-the-public "Home to the Arts" celebration. The Sept. 29 open house featured art demonstrations, music, food and hands-on projects for adults and children.

But the full story of the EAC's first 25 years began long before 1977. Starting in the 1960s, the City of Edina tried unsuccessfully to buy a house owned by Lee and Rosalyn Miller on a piece of property adjacent to the northwest corner of what was then Lake Cornelia Park. The plan was for the City to devote the entire 30 acres surrounding Lake Cornelia, north of West 66th Street and between West Shore Drive and Valley View Road, to the park. When Rosalyn Miller, whose husband died a few years earlier, decided in 1976 to sell the house and property, the City realized it had found an ideal place for

the proposed art center that had been under discussion since in the 1960s.

Earlier, Edina had considered another site for an art center. The Miller property at West 64th Street and West Shore Drive came available just as the City had decided the other site on West 44th Street between Wooddale and Grimes avenues was too costly to develop.

The debate over the location of Edina's art center ended for good when the City Council approved a plan to buy the Miller's Lake Cornelia home and make it into a haven for amateur and professional artists. In 1976, the Council authorized purchase of the \$95,000 home and one-acre property. The additional cost of converting the home into an art center was estimated at \$35,000. Edina's Bicentennial Ball was held Sept. 18, 1976, at Southdale Center to bring in an estimated \$140,000 needed to begin purchasing equipment, supplies and furnishings for the new facility.

The Millers built the house in 1949 and lived there for 25 years. Lee Miller owned Gaytee Glass Co., still nationally known for the stained glass and leaded windows it designs and custom builds. The house's original garage, which is now the Art Center's office and gift shop, still has one of the beveled-edge, leaded glass windows that were in the original house. (A second one is now hanging in the building's lower level.) The original house is a solid structure with extraordinarily thick walls, which serve to keep out heat and cold.



*This is what the Miller home looked like before it was converted to an art center.*

As EAC classes got under way in the fall of 1977, amateur and professional artists could be found dabbling in water, oil and acrylic paints. Three pottery work areas on the lower level were filled with adult and youthful potters. On the main floor, the former living and dining rooms became a gallery for art exhibits. The second-floor bedroom became a classroom. "It's the only art center in the area with two bathtubs," said former publicity director Jean Adams at the 1977 opening.

## Co-Directors Head EAC

The co-directors appointed to manage the new art center were Edina residents Marion Ward and Pat Greer. Each of them brought to the assignment a long list of credentials dating back to their college days when both attended the University of Minnesota and the Minneapolis College of Art & Design. After college, they also worked as commercial artists and fashion illustrators.

The official dedication of the Art Center didn't take place until 10 months after the first classes began. On May 21,

1978, the festivities got under way with the dedication of the Art Center and two memorials, the Margaret Foss Gallery and Taylor Knoll.

Established with funds provided by the Foss family, the Margaret Foss Gallery is a memorial to the family's late wife and mother. It combines the former living and dining rooms of the house.

Earlier that year, artist Shirley Taylor had created and landscaped a nature memorial south of the Art Center building to honor her son Jordy, who had died in a car accident. Today, Taylor Knoll is a scenic outlook and transitional space between the EAC, the nature preserve and Rosland Park (formerly Lake Cornelia Park).

In 1981, construction began on a new painting classroom on the south end of the EAC, atop an existing basement



*Maureen Brockway, Bill Dietrichson and Judy Lieber are the only teachers still active at the Art Center of the 37 original teachers who were on board when the EAC opened.*

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pottery kiln room previously used as a sundeck. This much-needed expansion was initiated by a generous contribution from Howard Nichols in memory of his late wife Elaine “Tede” Nichols, who had been an artist. That same year, Ron and Sandy Clark underwrote the cost of renovating the house’s former screened porch into a gift gallery for the sale of original artwork and various gift items.

**Hedges Appointed EAC Director**

Diana Hedges was appointed director of the EAC in 1986 following the retirements of Greer and Ward. She came to the EAC from Waterloo, Iowa, where she had been director of the Waterloo Children’s Theater and taught cultural explorations and art classes for more than 20 years. She was also box office director for the University of Northern Iowa in nearby Cedar Falls. Her education at Vermont’s Lyndon State College focused on art and philosophy.



*EAC co-directors Marion Ward (left) and Pat Greer were photographed in 1977 shortly after the Art Center opened for business.*

**Art Academy And More Students Create Need For More Space**

The EAC’s Art Academy, which offers special classes for talented and highly motivated students in Grades 2-9, was



*This children’s painting class was held in what was a second-floor bedroom of the Miller home.*

formed in 1987. Enrollment for this program is by application only and when openings arise, instructors schedule interviews with prospective students and review their portfolios.

By 1988, the Art Center’s original student population of 500 had grown to more than 3,000 per year. Discussions began that year about adding a third painting classroom because the Art Center was bursting at the seams. Expansion plans that included making the entire building handicapped accessible were approved by the City Council the following November.

**Photo, Video And Computer Facilities Added**

The Crosstown Camera Club was started in 1993 for the area’s photography buffs. Through the generosity of the Edina Rotary Club, two darkrooms were built on the



*Diana Hedges became director of the EAC in 1986, following the retirements of Pat Greer and Marion Ward, the Art Center’s founding co-directors.*

informally known as “the loft.” The equipment enabled the EAC to offer transfer of film and slides to videotape.

On April 24, 1997, ground was broken for the larger Peggy Kelly media Arts Studios in a new wing of the Art Center. It included equipment for computer training, video production and photography. The new Media Studios were made possible through a generous donation from the Peggy and Mike Kelly family. The new addition was dedicated July 1, 1998.

**Today’s EAC Is A Vibrant, Growing Creative Resource**

Diversity is the key word to describe the 165 classes now offered at the EAC. Arts and crafts classes and workshops are offered for all ages and all levels of ability.

Art Center’s lower level in 1995.

In 1995, the EAC purchased equipment once used for slide- and film-to-video transfers by the former media lab at the Southdale Hennepin Area Library. The equipment established the basis for EAC’s own media studio, which opened in February 1996 on the second floor,



*This 1989 construction photo shows the new, skylighted painting classroom being added to the south end of the EAC. This addition was made possible through a generous contribution from Howard Nichols in memory of late wife, artist Elaine “Tede” Nichols.*

Watercolor is the Art Center’s most popular medium, but art classes are also offered in portraiture, realistic painting, drawing, oils, pastels, acrylics and sculpture. In addition, the EAC features a large, well-equipped pottery department. Although the emphasis is on the visual arts, classes are also offered in design, architecture, computer graphics, computer basics, photography, video editing and crafts such as papermaking, jewelry, tie-dying, fabric painting, bookmaking, puppetry and mask-making.

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*The Peggy Kelly Media Arts Studios offers facilities for computer training, video production and photography. The new media studios and a new tearoom were made possible through a generous donation from the Peggy and Mike Kelly family.*

Since its first classes opened in 1977, the Art Center's student population has grown to the more than 7,000 who will be enrolled this year. The EAC could not have achieved this kind of resounding success without the vital contributions of time and effort donated by an active group of more than 65 loyal volunteers. Under the direction of Coordinator of Volunteers Betty Kane, they handle a myriad of EAC functions.

"Every day I am impressed with the number and variety of resources the Edina Art Center offers to the people of this area by embracing the traditional while keeping an eye on emerging trends in arts and crafts," Hedges said.

#### Comparison of EAC Operations 1977 Vs. 2002

	1977	2002
Students Enrolled	500	7,000 +
Instructors	37	35
Membership Cost		
Individual	\$15	\$30
Family	\$25	\$40
Types of Classes Offered	12	26



*Current staff at the Edina Art Center pose for a photograph just a month before the 25th anniversary celebration there.*

## Standard & Poor's Upgrades City Of Edina's Bond Rating

Independent bond rating agency Standard & Poor's recently upgraded its rating for the City of Edina's general obligation bonds.

Standard & Poor's upgraded Edina's general obligation (GO) bond rating to AAA, the company's highest rating. Edina is just the fifth city in the state to receive the rating. Bonds issued by Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester, and Bloomington also have Standard & Poor's AAA rating. There are just 55 cities in the country with the AAA rating. Of those, Edina is just one of 20 with a population less than 50,000.

Moody's Investors Services, another independent bond-rating agency in 2000 gave the City of Edina its highest rating, Aaa. Edina is just one of three Minnesota cities to have the top rating from both agencies. The other cities are Bloomington and Rochester.

"Since the receipt of a Aaa rating from Moody's two years ago, the City has worked diligently to secure a similar rating from Standard & Poor's," said City Manager Gordon Hughes. "This is the culmination of a long-term effort for Edina and a strong endorsement for the financial management and community development that has occurred here. It also speaks to the financial stewardship of the present and past elected officials of the City."

Standard & Poor's emphasizes four factors when assigning the AAA rating to a municipality. The factors are: strong and proactive administrations, effective debt management with moderate to low debt, a vibrant and diverse economy and strong finances.

According to Standard & Poor's officials, the AAA rating specifically reflects Edina's "continued above-average financial performance with very high fund balance levels; ongoing growth of the local economy, which has continued to diversify the tax base and attract new development of both retail and commercial property despite the fact that the community is almost completely developed; and ongoing strong management practices." Additional factors include the City's participation in the Minneapolis MSA and role as a first-ring suburb in the prosperous western suburbs of the Twin Cities and a manageable debt burden with most GO-backed debt supported by tax-increment financing or other revenue sources. The stable outlook attached to the rating shows Standard & Poor's expectation of the City's continued strong financial performance with good fund balances and appropriate management of its debt profile.

City Council members were thrilled with the news of the higher bond ratings. "This is a nice accomplishment for the community," said Mayor Dennis Maetzold. "I believe this achievement is the result of City Councils past and present, City staff and countless volunteers attention to improving the quality of life in Edina while remaining fiscally responsible. The message that investors have is that Edina is a great community to live, learn, raise families and do business."

The bond rating upgrade helps to ensure that future Edina debt will be issued with the lowest possible interest expense and cost to the taxpayer.

# Fire Department To Host Open House

Children can be firefighters for a day at the Edina Fire Department's Open House Sunday, Oct. 13.

The Open House, to be held just after Fire Prevention Week Oct. 6-12, will follow a series of classroom presentations in local schools. "Fire Prevention Week and the Open House are rewarding programs, whether you are a resident or visitor, child or adult," said Fire Chief Marty Scheerer. "The knowledge gained through attending these events could save your life or the life of someone near and dear. Once a fire starts, there is no time to develop a plan. Our open house gets people thinking about fire safety and developing a plan for what to do should a fire break out."

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) estimates that approximately 80 percent of all fire deaths in the United States and Canada occur in the home. Approximately 11 people per day die in home fires in the two countries. Every fire safety team starts with firefighters — but they can't do it alone. Effective fire safety depends on teamwork. That's why the theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week is "Team Up for Fire Safety." It's a simple idea: team up with the people with whom you live, work, play, and worship so that all of you will be better prepared to prevent, and if necessary, survive a home fire.

The three-hour Open House, which will begin at 1 p.m. at Fire Station No. 1, 6250 Tracy Ave., will feature demonstrations and games. Children will be allowed to try on gear, spray water using a fire hose and climb through a fire safety house. Older children and adults will enjoy demonstrations on the use of fire extinguishers and sprinkler systems. In addition, the Special Operations Team will set up some of its equipment and

firefighters/paramedics will have an ambulance open for inspection. Xcel Energy will set up a display on power line safety and the State Patrol is expected to land one of its helicopters at nearby Countryside Park to show how it uses its search cameras. Sparky the Fire Dog will likely make an appearance.

"The event is a positive experience for the entire community. The day is action-packed, with many hands-on activities," said Scheerer, adding that approximately 1,000 people attend the annual event. "Our firefighters enjoy the time spent with the community, educating people about what we do and fire prevention."

*For more information about the upcoming Open House, contact the Fire Department at 952-826-0377.*



*Firefighters Ray Wolff and Dan Scheerer demonstrate use of fire hoses at a past open house.*

# Watch For 'Works In Progress' During Minnesota Chemical Health Week

**The Future**

*"The future is not a result of choices among alternative paths offered by the present, but a place that is created, first in mind, next in will, then in activity. The future is not someplace we are going to, but a place we are creating. The paths are not to be discovered, but made, and the activity of making the future changes both the maker and the destination."*

*— John Schaar, University of California*

**By Kathy Iverson  
Chemical Health Coordinator**

It is time for the red ribbons to wind through Edina! The familiar "Tie One On For Safety" campaign launches at this busy holiday season – at a time when spirits are high, celebrations thrive and travel increases. Tie a ribbon on your car antennae or your briefcase as a pledge to drive safe and sober and as a reminder for everyone else to do the same. The red ribbon also reminds us that Edina is a place where health is valued.

Along with the familiar red ribbons, look for the phrase "A Work In Progress," debuting during Minnesota Chemical Health Week. "A Work in Progress" will be seen throughout the community as a fun reminder about the development of healthy kids and especially healthy brains.

Why do we feel so strongly feel about this? Recent research on adolescent brain development has called attention to the

profound effects of chemical use on the teen brain. Healthy brain development involves proper physical care. Brain development also thrives in a community that enhances the social development of an individual. Ultimately, one affects the other. Check the City of Edina website and look for the Edina Chemical Health Partners link to more information on adolescence and brain development.

We encourage you to make healthy choices, care for each other, and keep in mind the two campaigns: "Tie One On For Safety" and "A Work In Progress." Tie your red ribbons on car antennae, on backpacks, purses – show your commitment to healthy families and healthy lifestyles any way you can.

*For more information on Chemical Health Week, contact Iverson by calling 952-929-7627 or via e-mail, menze002@tc.umn.edu. For links to information on healthy adolescent brain development, visit [www.ci.edina.mn.us](http://www.ci.edina.mn.us).*





# League Of Women Voters Teams Up With City And Garden Council To Eradicate Buckthorn

No one purposely landscapes property with noxious weeds. But take a close look at nearly any residence with a “natural” area and you will find buckthorn. Declared a noxious weed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR), its sale in Minnesota is prohibited. This woody invasive now clogs woodlands, much like milfoil clogs lakes.

To combat buckthorn, the League of Women Voters of Edina (LWVE) has joined forces with the Edina Garden Council (EGC) and the City of Edina to educate residents about the environmental threat and remove the alien species from the community.

Why was this popular hedge material, which grows 20 to 25 feet tall if left untrimmed, designated a noxious weed? A buckthorn infestation eliminates wildflowers and other native vegetation by crowding them out. It reduces the number of desirable hardwood trees, which will eventually greatly reduce fall color. Walking through a buckthorn thicket is not possible because of its density and many thorns. Buckthorn infestation has also been found to reduce the number of songbirds by 30 percent. Since its berries act as a laxative, buckthorn is not a favorite among birds, and the reason songbirds leave buckthorn-infested areas.



Photo by Polly Norman

*Buckthorn has been declared a noxious weed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Mayor Dennis Maetzold has declared Oct. 5-11 as Buckthorn Abatement Week in the community.*

This exotic species is successful at taking over local woodlands because it has no native enemies, neither animal, nor insect nor disease. It also has a longer growing season than Minnesota’s native trees. Unfortunately, the ban on buckthorn came too late. Birds and water had already carried the berries from residential areas into both Edina’s private woodlands such as Indian Hills and into the community’s public woodlands such as Bredesen Park and Braemar Golf Course. The Minnesota DNR exotic species survey presently shows buckthorn in all but a handful of Minnesota counties.

Buckthorn remains green an average of 58 days longer than Minnesota’s native vegetation, giving it a competitive advantage. This feature, however, also gives residents an opportunity to easily identify it in the fall and remove it. After the first hard frost in late September, most other deciduous trees will either have lost their leaves or will have turned a lovely fall color. Buckthorn will still be green and growing.

It is important to remember that natural areas are desirable as wildlife habitat, but must be managed as wild gardens and “weeded.” There are many ways to remove buckthorn. One of the most common methods is to cut the trees down and to spray the stumps with a 25 percent glyphosate

solution such as Roundup to prevent the stumps from resprouting. Spraying should be done within 24 hours of cutting and well before any rain. Since buckthorn seeds remain viable for up to six years, seedlings must be hand-pulled for several years. For larger areas, spray seedlings with a 3 percent glyphosate solution between mid-September and mid-October when native vegetation is dormant, as Roundup is a nonselective herbicide.

Mayor Dennis Maetzold has declared Oct. 5 through Oct. 11 as Buckthorn Abatement Week in Edina. During this week, all residents are asked to remove buckthorn from their property and to volunteer to assist in removing buckthorn from Edina’s public woodlands. City Forester Tom Horwath has identified two residential areas as those with the greatest infestation. To assist residents with the removal of buckthorn in these areas, two tree services are providing a special reduced group rate for hauling in the target areas.

The first target area is bounded by Interstate Highway 494, U.S. Highway 169, Minnesota Highway 62 and Gleason Road and will be serviced by Top Notch Tree Service, 763-253-0027. The second target area is bounded by I-494, Gleason, Highway 62 and the Soo Line Railroad and will be serviced by the Carelson Tree Service, 952-884-5125. Informational flyers will be distributed to the residents in these areas by the LWVE and the EGC. To participate in this special program, residents in the target areas must contact their respective designated tree service before Friday, Oct. 4, to schedule buckthorn curbside pickup. Residents who do not live in one of the target areas should coordinate with neighbors, call a tree service and inquire about a group discount.

Scout, school or other groups that would like to assist in buckthorn removal in Edina’s public woodlands and parks, should contact Horwath, 952-828-0308. To volunteer to remove buckthorn in Edina on the property of the elderly or disabled who cannot afford to do so, call Dianne Plunkett Latham, LWVE Buckthorn Abatement Steering Committee Chairwoman, 952-941-3542.

*For more information on buckthorn removal, visit the Minnesota DNR’s website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us/exotics/terrestrialplants/buckthorn.html](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/exotics/terrestrialplants/buckthorn.html) or St. Anthony Park Garden Club’s website at [www.justaddwater.ws/BuckthornHome.htm](http://www.justaddwater.ws/BuckthornHome.htm).*

## Home Rehab Funds for Qualified Edina Home Owners



You may qualify for up to \$20,000 to make repairs or necessary improvements to your Edina home through the **Hennepin County Housing Rehabilitation Loan Program**. This program provides deferred repayment funds on a first-come-first-served basis to people who can show financial need. If you would like to receive information, income guidelines, qualification summaries, interest rates, and applications, please call Associate Planner Joyce Repya at the Edina Planning Department, (952) 826-0462. Dozens of Edina residents have protected the value of their homes by using this program. If your primary residence is located in Edina and needs repair or structural improvements, please give Joyce a call.



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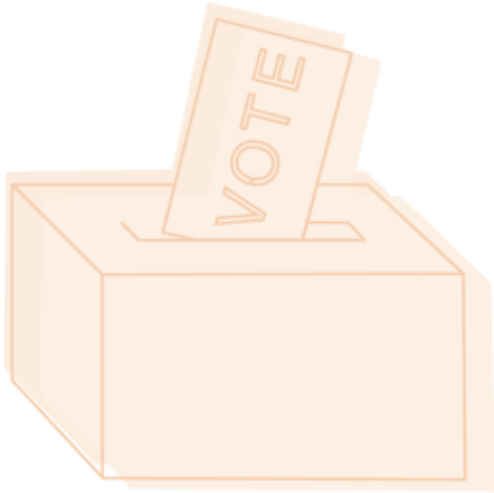
# Voters To Elect Council Members In November

If you are an Edina resident and a registered voter, you may vote for two City Council members at the Municipal Election, held in conjunction with the Nov. 5 General Election. Two Council members will be elected to four-year terms. You will also be able to vote for federal, state and county candidates.

## Polling Places

Polling places are open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Election Day at the following locations:

Precinct	Location	Address
Precinct 1A	Shepherd of Hills Church	500 Blake Road
Precinct 1B	Chapel Hills United Church of Christ	6512 Vernon Ave.
Precinct 2	Edina Senior Center	5280 Grandview Square
Precinct 3	Edina Covenant Church	4201 W. 50th St.
Precinct 4	Weber Park Warming House	4115 Grimes Ave.
Precinct 5	Highlands Elementary School	5505 Doncaster Way
Precinct 6	Countryside Elementary School	5701 Benton Ave.
Precinct 7	Normandale Lutheran Church	6100 Normandale Road
Precinct 8	South View Middle School	4725 South View Lane
Precinct 9	Concord Elementary School	5900 Concord Ave.
Precinct 10	Creek Valley Elementary School	6401 Gleason Road
Precinct 11	Creek Valley Baptist Church	6400 Tracy Ave.
Precinct 12	Cornelia Elementary School	7000 Cornelia Drive
Precinct 13	Centennial Lake Park Centrum	7499 France Ave. S.
Precinct 14	St. Peter's Lutheran Church	5421 France Ave. S.
Precinct 15	Valley View Middle School	6750 Valley View Road
Precinct 16	Christ Presbyterian Church	6901 Normandale Road
Precinct 17	Southdale Hennepin Area Library	7001 York Ave. S.
Precinct 18	Edinborough Park	7700 York Ave. S.
Precinct 19	Calvary Lutheran Church	6817 Antrim Road



## Register to Vote

You are qualified to vote in Minnesota if:

- You are 18 years of age.
- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You have resided in Minnesota for 20 days.
- You are registered to vote.

You are not qualified to vote if:

- You have been convicted of a felony or treason and have not yet been restored your civil rights.
- You are under the guardianship of another person.
- You have been found by a court of law to be legally incompetent.
- You are not registered to vote.

You must re-register to vote if you have moved, changed your name or have not voted within the past four years. Register at Edina City Hall 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday until 20 days prior to the election.

## Election Day Registration

On Election Day, you may register at your polling place by presenting one of the following authorized proofs of residence:

- Valid Minnesota driver's license or learner's permit (or receipt for either) showing current street address in precinct.
- Valid Minnesota identification card (or receipt) showing current address in precinct.
- Oath of a voter registered in your precinct, who is not a challenger, signed in the presence of an election judge.
- Current registration in the same precinct showing a previous address.
- Mailed notice received from the registration office showing an ineffective registration.
- Photo identification card with a former address plus an original utility bill with current address. The bill must be due within 30 days of the election. Examples of acceptable utility bills include those from Reliant, XcelEnergy, Time Warner Cable, Qwest, City of Edina and garbage collection.

College students may use:

- A student fee statement showing your address in the precinct and photo identification card.
- A student identification card or registration card containing your current address.
- A student photo identification if a college student housing list or list of students is on file at your polling place.

## Absentee Voting

Applications for Absentee Ballots may be obtained in person at Edina City Hall 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, by calling 952-826-0363 to have an application mailed

to you or visiting [www.sos.state.mn.us/election/abstappl.pdf](http://www.sos.state.mn.us/election/abstappl.pdf). Mail your ballot at least one week before the election or mark it at City Hall, whichever is more convenient.

In addition, City Hall will be open 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 2, for absentee voting.

*For more information about polling locations, voter registration or absentee ballots, call Voter Registration at City Hall, 952-826-0409.*

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# Local Teenagers Design Disc Golf Course

Looking for a fun and inexpensive way to spend time together, Edina teenagers Alex Darbut, Zach Freeman and Charlie Troup began playing disc golf their sophomore year of high school.

“Disc golf is something everyone can do,” said Troup, now 19 and a freshman at the University of Indiana at Bloomington. “You don’t have to be athletic to play and it’s a really safe sport. Fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, young and old – anyone can play.

“Disc golf is not an expensive sport, either. You don’t have to buy pads, helmets or special shoes like you have to with a lot of other sports. All you have to do is buy a Frisbee. A few minutes later, you can be playing the game.”

Darbut, Freeman and Troup played the game in nearby communities that have disc golf courses. They even played in the snow during the winter.



*Recent Edina High School graduates Alex Darbut and Zach Freeman designed a disc golf course for Rosland Park as their “May Term” project last spring. Charlie Troup was also part of the project.*

Unfortunately, there was no place to play in Edina as the community’s only disc golf course was removed from Braemar Park in the mid-1980s.

During their last semester as seniors at Edina High School, the trio enrolled in “May Term,” a course designed to give students real world experience by allowing them to choose a project, set goals and see it through to the end. Darbut, Freeman and Troup decided to design a disc golf course for one of the community’s parks.

The teenagers met in the spring with Park and Recreation Director John Keprios and Recreation Supervisor Donna Tilsner, who immediately embraced the idea and saw the project as another way for the City to connect with youth in the community. City staff and the students

decided the best place for such a course was Rosland Park, which has adequate space and ample parking for the amenity.

The teens began their project by visiting other communities in the metropolitan area that have disc golf courses. After visiting the 15 parks and researching basket types, Darbut, Freeman and Troup designed a nine-hole course for the northeast corner of Rosland Park. In addition, they proposed signage and prepared a budget.

Before presenting their plans to the Edina Park Board, the boys went over their presentation with 1995 World Amateur Golf Disc Champion and Edina resident Tim Gill. Gill, who owns a business called Disc Craft, offered a few suggestions and endorsed the project.

In June, the Park Board approved the concept of the disc golf course at Rosland Park. If the \$3,500 needed to purchase the baskets and signs is obtained, Edina High School senior Paul Buck will install them as an Eagle Scout project.

“We were very confident going before the Park Board with our plans,” Troup said. “We knew we had a solid design and really felt a disc golf course would be beneficial for the City. It is such an inexpensive, but worthwhile, amenity.”

City staff was impressed with the trio’s work. “It was wonderful to work with Edina High School students who have an interest in the community’s parks,” Tilsner said. “Adding a disc golf course was a great idea. Disc golf is a safe, free activity for the whole family.”



*Disc golf is an inexpensive sport for everyone. The only thing needed to play is a Frisbee or other disc flyer.*

Darbut, Freeman and Troup are excited about the possibility of their dream course becoming a reality. “It will be nice to have our hard work pay off and we are so thankful we were able to give back to the community in this way,” said Freeman, 18, a freshman at the University of Colorado at Boulder. “We can’t wait to play on the course when we come back to Edina from college.”

*For more information on the proposed disc golf course or any of the City’s other park amenities, call the Park and Recreation Department, 952-826-0367.*

# Edina Community Foundation Appoints Interim Executive Director

The Edina Community Foundation Board of Directors recently hired Patricia A. Tucker as interim executive director.

Tucker, a long time Edina resident, began her new position June 1 at an office in the Edina Senior Center, 5280 Grandview Square. Besides setting up an office for the Foundation, Tucker's responsibilities include completing a vision and mission statement for the organization, drafting a brochure and other promotional materials, writing grants, coordinating volunteers and overseeing the group's annual campaign.



"I am thrilled to take on this position with the Edina Community Foundation," Tucker said. "I believe in Edina and want to work to make it a better place. The Foundation makes a tremendous impact in the quality of life in this community and I am proud to be a part."

Tucker comes to the position with previous experience as head of a nonprofit organization. She is the former



Patricia A. Tucker is the interim executive director of the Edina Community Foundation.

president of the Edina Chamber of Commerce and is a current board member of Volunteers Enlisted to Assist People (VEAP). She is an active volunteer at South View Middle School and St. Patrick's Catholic Church.

"After interviewing several candidates, we were pleased to be able to hire Pat," said Foundation President James B. Hovland. "We have been looking for the appropriate person to help us build ... our new Community Foundation and in Pat Tucker we feel we found a great fit. She knows our community very well, having served so many years as president of the Chamber, and she has incredible energy for the many tasks ahead of us as we try to create a charitable organization for our community with a broad range of donors and a substantial endowment that will benefit our City, its citizens and its nonprofit organizations for generations to come."


Hovland said the Foundation plans to fill the executive director position permanently on or before Jan. 1, 2003.

The role of the Foundation, established in 1977, is to help people and organizations in making a difference. The Foundation fulfills its role by facilitating charitable giving, initiating responses to targeted needs and building permanent funds for the support of charities in Edina. In addition, the Foundation fosters partnerships with community service organizations that provide vital links between various segments of the community.

Tucker said the Foundation makes it easy for people who are interested in donating to a charity. The Foundation does not encourage the support of any one charity, but as a neutral entity assists donors in identifying and attaining their charitable goals. In additions, donors can save time and eliminate the administrative burden of charitable giving by utilizing the Foundation's services. Donors can give

money for a specific project, cause or charity or can leave the money in the hands of the Foundation Board of Directors to meet the needs of the community.

*For more information or to donate to the Edina Community Foundation, call 952-833-9573.*




### PARENTING FOR PREVENTION

**Know your children's friends' parents and what their rules are.**

LET'S TALK kits, available through Edina middle and high schools, are a convenient way to bring together the parents of your children's friends. The kits contain supplies, information, and a step-by-step guide that helps parents gather, talk, and discuss common rules and acceptable behavior for their children.

**For more information, call Bloomington Public Health: 952-563-8900.**

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# Resident Credits Defibrillator With Saving Her Life

After her husband had left one Sunday morning for a round of golf at Braemar Golf Course, Laura Pederson scurried around the house, cooking breakfast, dressing her two young daughters and making last-minute preparations for a family birthday party scheduled for later in the day. When it was time to leave for church, she began loading the car. The last thing she remembers is bending over to pick up 1-year-old Annie.

Laura, then 39, went into sudden cardiac arrest caused by fibrillation of her heart muscle and laid unconscious. Her in-laws, who had stayed overnight for the birthday party, rushed to her side. Roland Pederson began CPR. His wife, Jean, called 9-1-1 and 6-year-old Jeni gave dispatchers the home address she had learned in kindergarten that year.

An Edina Police officer was at the scene within three minutes. Even though he had never used the equipment on a person, he confidently broke out a portable defibrillator stored in the squad car. He knew she would die unless electrical currents were applied to her heart to interrupt the fibrillation and allow the heart's normal rhythm to regain control. A few minutes later, Edina Fire Department paramedics were

there with a larger, more sophisticated heart monitor and defibrillator. After a few attempts, Laura's heart was in a purfusing rhythm again.

Laura was taken by ambulance to Fairview Southdale Hospital where she suffered another "Code Blue" and laid in a coma for a few days. Her family was given bleak survival statistics – of the one in 10 who make it alive to the hospital under similar circumstances, just one in 10 of those goes home to lead a normal life.

However, the mother of two and elementary school teacher broke the odds and made a full recovery. Today, she has a pacemaker and implanted defibrillator and takes four medications a day. "I'm still absolutely amazed I survived," said Laura, recalling the day in May 1999 when her heart stopped. "It happened without warning."

After many tests, doctors determined Laura had contracted a virus that had caused the condition idiopathic cardiomyopathy. Cardiomyopathy is a breakdown of the muscle tissue in the heart. This

muscle tissue, known as the myocardium, becomes inflamed, then scarred and fibrous. As a result, the walls of the heart may become thick and hard, or thin and weak. The heart sometimes enlarges and beats faster, trying to play catch-up because it isn't pumping as much blood. The doctors told Pederson she might have contracted the virus anywhere from a few months to a few weeks beforehand, and that instead of going to her respiratory system, it went to her heart. Symptoms include lightheadedness and fatigue. If she had experienced those sensations, Laura must have dismissed them because she felt fine until the morning of the incident.

"The one thing that I heard over and over again after regaining consciousness was that every link in the chain was working after my heart stopped. CPR was given, the portable defibrillator was used before paramedics arrived and then the larger unit was able to convert my heart," Laura said. "Those defibrillators saved my life."

Fire Chief Marty Scheerer said the City's defibrillators regularly save people's lives. They are used every day, on nearly every call for a medical emergency. "One of the first things we do for a potential cardiac patient is use the monitor and defibrillator," he said.

However, the Edina Fire Department is in need of new life-saving equipment and is working to raise money for the cause. The four monitor/defibrillators used by paramedics are older three-lead monitors. Currently, most ambulances carry 12-lead monitors with biphasic

defibrillation capabilities, which operate more efficiently and cause less damage to the body when used. In addition, paramedics are able to offer medications based on the more sophisticated output of the 12-lead defibrillators. Those same medications cannot be offered when a three-lead unit is used.

Several hospitals also have 12-lead heart-monitoring equipment. If Edina paramedics had similar equipment, emergency room doctors would be able to compare a patient's heart rhythm prior to the paramedics' interventions to his or her current condition at the hospital to determine what course of action to take.

"You never know when you might need a defibrillator," Scheerer said. "Laura Pederson is the perfect example. She did not know of a previous condition or abnormality and was living a normal life. But one day because of a virus, her heart stopped and we were there with a defibrillator."

*For more information on the importance of defibrillators, contact the Edina Fire Department, 952-826-0330. To make a tax-deductible donation to help pay for one of four needed defibrillators, send a check to the Edina Community Foundation, 5280 Grandview Square, Edina, MN 55436. Please write "defibrillator" in the memo line of the check.*



*Edina paramedics demonstrate the use of a portable defibrillator on a volunteer.*

*Photo by Pally Norman*

# City Of Edina To Flush Hydrants In September, October

To purge rust and stagnant water from the water distribution system and identify hydrants in need of maintenance, the Utilities Division of the City of Edina’s Public Works Department will flush hydrants for four weeks beginning Monday, Sept. 23. Random hydrants are also flushed throughout the year as weather and water demand allows.

Hydrant flushing will take place 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. In an attempt to minimize the impact on residents, hydrants will be flushed as follows:

- **Sept. 23-27** East of Minnesota Highway 100 and north of Minnesota Highway 62
- **Sept. 30-Oct. 4** West of Minnesota Highway 100 and north of Minnesota Highway 62
- **Oct. 7-11** West of Minnesota Highway 100 and south of Minnesota Highway 62
- **Oct. 14-18** East of Minnesota Highway 100 and south of Minnesota Highway 62

Due to hydrant flushing, it is inevitable that some residents will receive rust-colored water, which can stain laundry but is safe to drink. Residents may also receive rust-colored water when areas adjacent to theirs are being flushed. Residents should check that water coming into the house is clear before doing laundry during the flushing period.

*The flushing schedule is approximate. For an up-to-date flushing schedule, call the Public Works Hotline at 952-826-0375. For more information, contact Utilities Superintendent Roger Glanzer, 952-826-0311, or visit [www.ci.edina.mn.us](http://www.ci.edina.mn.us).*

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Check your homeowner's insurance policy to see if you have coverage for backups. If you do not have coverage, consider adding to your policy because in most cases the City's insurance will not cover your damages in the event of an incident.

For more information, call Edina Public Works, 952-826-0311.

# ‘Thugs, Bugs and Drugs:’ Edina, Richfield To Host Senior Safety Seminar

Frank was out shopping and found a shirt he liked. When he tried to pay for it, the clerk told him his credit card had been declined. Shocked and embarrassed, he left the store and called his credit card company. He was told his account was over its limit and his payments were past due. Frank had been a victim of identity theft. The theft of his credit card number was the beginning of his three-year nightmare.

The cities of Edina and Richfield Thursday, Nov. 7, will host “Thugs, Bugs and Drugs,” an educational safety seminar for seniors to prevent incidents like the one experienced by Frank. The event will be held 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Edina Senior Center, 5280 Grandview Square. The organizers’ goal is to provide useful information to seniors so they can live a safe and healthy life.

Sessions will be short, lively and entertaining with time allowed for questions.

**The Thugs:** *Identity Theft Prevention and How to Deal With Telemarketers* – identity theft is one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States. Participants will learn how to best protect their personal information and deal with telemarketers. Personnel from the Richfield and Edina fire departments will make the presentation.

**The Bugs:** that’s brain bugs *Safety and Alzheimer’s* – participants will learn about some of the home and driving safety tips to consider when friends or family

experience memory loss or Alzheimer’s disease. The Alzheimer’s Association of Edina will make the presentation.

**The Drugs:** *Prescription Safety* – participants will learn about the consequences of multiple medications and the importance of communication with their doctors. They will also learn about the importance of throwing away old medications, herbal remedies in combination with prescription drugs and coping with high drug costs. A Park Nicollet pharmacist will make the presentation.

Cost for the safety seminar is \$5 per person, which includes morning snacks, a boxed lunch, gifts and door prizes. Pre-registration is required by Oct. 25. Send \$5 registration, made payable to Edina Senior Center, to Edina Senior Center, 5280 Grandview Square, Edina, MN 55436. Space is limited to 75 people.

*For more information call the Edina Senior Center, 952-833-9570 or Richfield Community Center, 612-861-9360.*

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